

ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 27th February 2019

EYFS includes Nursery and Reception Classes
Key Stage 1 (KS1) includes Year 1 and Year 2
Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2) includes Years 3 and 4
Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2) includes Years 5 and 6

School Website: stmarksce.co.uk

Twitter: @stmarkmywords

PTA Facebook: St. Mark's CofE School PTA

Cross Country Presentation Weds 6th March

Parents/carers of cross country runners are invited to our **Cross Country Assembly** on Wednesday 6th March at 9.10am. If your child was presented with a medal/trophy at the last race, these should be brought to school on Wednesday morning. A reminder also to please return any running vests to Mrs Mansfield.

After School Clubs this Half Term

KS1 Hockey starts Thursday 28th Feb
KS2 Hockey starts Friday 1st March

If your child has been allocated a place, please ensure you email contact details and any relevant medical information to the school office

Parent/Teacher Consultations

The Spring Term consultations will be held after school on the following dates:

Year 3 - Year 6: Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March

Appointments can be made online by visiting

<https://stmarksce.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>.

Summer term milk

If your child wishes to receive milk in the summer term, please pay via your ParentPay account no later than 15th March.

Photographs

If you wish to purchase a copy of the recent individual/sibling photographs, please return your order to school **no later than 9am on Monday 4th March**.

Chess Club

Payments for Summer Term Chess Club must be received no later than Thursday 14th March

Staying Safe Online

In order to further support children staying safe online outside of school, and in response to recent media reports, please see the tips below that may help guide parents as to how to most effectively safeguard their child/ren at all times when online.

Do Your Research

Find out and learn more about what children are getting up to while online. Find out what your child is looking at, and judge for yourself if it's appropriate.

Talk To Your Child

Knowing how to block and report inappropriate content can help to start to make a difference. Look at Thinkuknow. The website is connected to police and CEOP and offers advice that's targeted appropriately to the age of your child.

Take Them Seriously

It doesn't matter if the fear is real or proportionate, if it's scaring your child, it's worth listening.

Understand Technology

It can be hard keeping up with which app, game or social messaging service kids are using. If you want the latest on the latest technology, consider checking out parentzone. There are sections ranging from explaining the game Fortnite, to what game age ratings really mean.

Report Any Serious Risk of Harm

Take a look at the CEOP online safety centre. You can make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors if you are worried about online sexual abuse, or the way someone has been communicating with your child online.

A reminder a series of useful links to further guide and support parents in the apps/games currently being used by children can be found in the February newsletter which is available in the Parents Area on our website.

MAPAS Tuition

Payment for music tuition in the summer term must be received no later than Wednesday 20th March

World Book Day

As part of our annual 'World Book Day' celebrations at St Mark's, we are inviting the children to get creative and enter our **competition** to create a scene from one of their favourite books in a shoe box! Entries should be brought to school on Wednesday 6th March labelled on the back with your **full name, class and the name of the book the scene is from**. See email of 25/2/19 for further details.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, if they would like, on **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March**. Any child who doesn't want to dress up is free to come in their own clothes on this day. **Years 1 and 2** are inviting their children to come dressed as 'heroes or villains' if they like, but this is completely optional.

World Book Day vouchers will be sent home this week. This entitles children to free book (stated titles) or a £1 discount on a book of their choice over £2.99.

Many thanks in advance for your support.